GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PLANNING
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:440
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SPECIAL FINANCIAL PACKAGE
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) Whether any proposal is under consideration of the Governmentto give special financial package to Orissa for its development and to waive the loans given to it;

(b) Whether Members of Parliament from that State and the Government ofOrissa have submitted memorandums to the Prime Minister for waiving of outstanding loans in Orissa;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps being taken in this regard ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DISINVESTMENT, MINISTER OF STATE IN TH MINISTRIES OF PLANNING, STATISTICS & PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AND PUBLIC GRIEVANCES (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE)

(a), (b) & (c): The Government of Orissa and others have recently submitted memoranda requesting for measures to ameliorate the financial crisis in the State.

(d): On similar requests received earlier relating to deferment of the debt servicing liability, Orissa Government was informed in Feb.2001, and again in May 2001, that Government of India is guided by the recommendations of the Eleventh FinanceCommission (EFC) which was mandated to review the debt position of the States.Accordingly, the repayment liability of the States has been captured in its recommendations on devolution from Centre to States and any selective reopening would not be consistent with EFC scheme.